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FOR UNDERSEC JOHNSON FROM AMB KORRY

1. DAO CABLE QUOTE CHILEAN MILITARY LOOKING FOR WAY OUT UNQUOTE RESULTED FROM UNSOLICITED INFO PROVIDED TO CHIEF OF MILGRP AIR FORCE SECTION BY CHILEAN AIR FORCE CINC. LATTER CALLED FORMER TO HIS OFFICE ON A PRETEXT AND POURED OUT HIS TALKE. OUR MAN PROPERLY REPORTED TO ME AND TO AIR ATTACHE WHO QUITE NATURALLY FELT COMPELLED TO INFORM DIA. NEITHER ATTACHE NOR AIR FORCE SECTION CHIEF ARE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON UNDER THE SURFACE. ATTEMPTING TO STOP THIS KIND OF REPORTING WOULD OBVIOUSLY CREATE PROBLEMS AND SUSPICIONS. DAO MESSAGES WILL CONTINUE TO BE REVIEWED IN ADVANCE BY DCM OR MYSELF, BUT WE ARE RELUCTANT TO CUT OFF NORMAL REPORTING--- WHICH WILL NATURALLY REFLECT TO SOME DEGREE STATE OF PLAY IN CHILEAN ARMED FORCES--UNLESS MATTERS OF EXTREME SENSITIVITY CREEP UP. IN THAT REGARD, FACT THAT SOME IN

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CHILEAN MILITARY WOULD LIKE SOMEHOW TO FIND A LEGAL WAY
OUT IS WIDELY KNOWN HERE.

2. I HAVE GIVEN OUR MILITARY (EXCEPT ARMY ATTACHE)
STRICT INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO SEEK OUT THEIR CONTACTS AND
TO MAKE NO OTHER EFFORTS TO GATHER SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE
DURING THIS PERIOD. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING FOLLOWED.
HOWEVER, WHEN--AS IN THIS CASE--OUR PEOPLE ARE SOUGHT OUT,
THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LISTEN. YOU CAN BE SURE WE
WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE PROFILE JUST AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

3.

*Suggested Ambassador look into procedures for controlling Attache
traffic.

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